


Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box Approved for use through 10/31/02. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**TRANSMITTAL
FORM**

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)



Application Number	10/090,316
Filing Date	March 1, 2002
First Inventor	Peter G. Borden
Confirmation No.	5495
Group Art Unit	2877
Examiner Name	Rosenberger, Richard A.
Attorney Docket No.	BOX006 US

Total Number Of Pages In This Submission

12

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form:
-- PTOL-85B (1 page) | <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers
(for an Application) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to
Group - Comments (1 page) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached
-- Check (1 page) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)
- 1 page cover and 7 pages drawings | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of
Appeals and Interferences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group
(Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> After Final | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition | <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declarations | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a
Provisional Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request | <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation of
Previous Powers; And Statement
Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify
below): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request | <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer | RETURN RECEIPT POSTCARD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> This is a Response to Missing Parts/
Incomplete Application under 37 CFR
1.52 or 1.53 | Remarks | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Notice To File Missing
Parts (2 pages) | Please charge Deposit Account 50-2263 for any underpaid fee. | |

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT

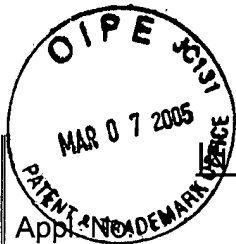
Firm or Individual Name	Omkar K. Suryadevara (Reg. No. 36,320) Silicon Valley Patent Group LLP 2350 Mission College Boulevard, Suite 360 Santa Clara, California 95054
-------------------------------	---

Signature

Date

March 7, 2005

EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EV 581 856 267 US



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

App. No.	10/090,316	Confirmation No.	5495
First Inventor	Peter G. Borden	Filing Date	March 1, 2002
Tech. Center/ Art Unit	2877	Examiner	Rosenberger, Richard A.
Title:	Apparatus and Method For Measuring A Property Of A Layer In A Multilayered Structure		
Docket No.:	BOX006 US	Customer No.:	34036

Santa Clara, California
March 7, 2005

Mail Stop ISSUE FEES
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted because it is filed with issue fee payment for the above-identified patent application.

In a Notice of Allowability (4 pages) mailed with the Notice of Allowance dated December 7, 2004, the Examiner stated, in paragraph 5 on page 3 "See the remarks filed 10 September 2004, page 10, lines 4-21; although the remarks deal with claim 1, they explicitly bring in the silicide layer of claim 21, and now claim 19, in page 10, line 17." Applicants hereby clarify that the Examiner's reasons for allowance of Claim 1 does not limit Claim 1 to silicides only. Instead, the Examiner is merely stating that certain remarks arguing for allowability of Claim 1 are also applicable to Claim 21 and Claim 19 because silicides are examples of Claim 1 compounds.

Note that formal drawings are being concurrently filed in a separate paper.

Should there be any questions, please call the undersigned at (408) 982-8200, ext. 3.

**Via Express Mail Label No.
EV 581 856 267 US**

Respectfully submitted,

Omkar K. Suryadevara
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 36,320



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventors: Peter G. Borden and Jiping Li
Assignee: Applied Materials, Inc.
Title: Apparatus and Method For Measuring A Property Of A Layer In A Multilayered Structure
Serial No.: 10/090,316 Filing Date: March 1, 2002
Examiner: Rosenberger, Richard A. Group Art Unit: 2877
Docket No.: BOX006 US Confirmation No.: 5495

Santa Clara, California
March 7, 2005

Mail Stop Issue Fee
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit seven (7) sheets of drawings, consisting of Figs. 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F, 2A, 2B, 3, 4 and 5. Please replace all drawings in the above-identified application with the drawings attached hereto.

If there are any questions regarding these drawings, please call the undersigned at (408) 982-8200, extension 3.

**Via Express Mail Label No.
EV 581 856 267 US**

Respectfully submitted,

Omkar K. Suryadevara
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 36,320

SILICON VALLEY
PATENT GROUP LLP
2350 Mission College Blvd.
Suite 360
Santa Clara, CA 95054
(408) 982-8200
FAX (408) 982-8210